

**MINUTES
VIRGINIA OFFSHORE WIND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

**VIRGINIA HOUSING CONFERENCE CENTER – HENRICO ROOM 1
GLEN ALLEN, VIRGINIA**

**ALTERNATE LOCATION: SPECTRUM GROUP – MEDIUM CONFERENCE ROOM
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2012
1:30 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Art Moye called the meeting to order.

Members Present: Richmond: Art Moye, Mary Doswell, Brian Redmond, Ron Ritter, and Bob Matthias. Alexandria: Joan Bondareff.

Members Absent: Lisa Johnson, John Jester

Staff Present: Conrad Spangler, DMME Director; Cathie France, DMME Deputy Director for Energy Policy; Al Christopher, DMME Division of Energy Director; Ken Jurman, DMME Renewable Energy Manager; Kerri Nicholas, Assistant Attorney General

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Chair called for a motion to approve the December 8, 2011, minutes as presented. The minutes were unanimously approved.

**GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED FY 13 BUDGET FOR OFFSHORE WIND RESEARCH
AND DEVELOPMENT**

Presenter: Cathie France

The Governor has proposed \$500,000 in his FY13 budget for research and development to accelerate and assist private development of the Virginia Wind Energy Area. Discussion included forming a VOWDA small work group, consisting of Joan, Mary and Brian, to recommend options for use of the funds, which will be presented to members for consideration at a future meeting.

HAMPTON ROADS SANITATION DISTRICT MEETING UPDATE

Presenter: Al Christopher

Al Christopher provided a brief overview, submitted by VCERC staff, of the December 22 meeting with the Hampton Roads Sanitation District Quality Steering Team meeting to discuss developing a wind turbine site in the vicinity of the Nansemond Wastewater Treatment Plant. A copy of the meeting summary and slide presentation will be posted to the VOWDA website and a link provided to members.

DRAFT 2012 VOWDA ACTION WORK PLAN REVIEW

Presenter: Cathie France

Cathie led discussion on the revised draft 2012 Work Plan. It was decided to add a new item to develop recommendations on how to spend the Governor's proposed \$500,000 funding. Based on discussion, Cathie will update the Work Plan and send the final copy to members.

LEGISLATION UPDATE

Presenter: Cathie France

The Board agreed to coordinate with VOW to seek budget amendments for an additional \$1 million. Bob Matthias will ask Senator Frank Wagner and a delegate to submit the budget amendments.

Ron Ritter will attend the January 12 VOW meeting and report back to the Board regarding whether VOW will support seeking additional funding and gather their input on how it should be used.

COORDINATION MEETINGS WITH DOE, VOW, AND VEDP UPDATE

Art and Cathie will identify organizations, such as VOW, OWDC, DOE, etc., and appoint a board member who will provide regular updates regarding their activities.

DRAFT VOWDA COMMENTS ON BOEM AUCTION SALE NOTICE AND PROPOSED GRANT AREA IN ATLANTIC WIND CONNECTION PROPOSAL

The Board approved sending VOWDA comments to BOEM on its auction sale notice. Joan volunteered to draft the letter, which will include support of the Multi-factor Auction Design. The letter will be circulated to members before submitting to BOEM by the January 20th deadline. DMME will also submit comments to BOEM and will share a copy with the Board.

The Board discussed sending comments to BOEM on the Notice of Proposed Grant Area and RFCI in the Area of the Atlantic Wind Connection Proposal. The draft of

VOWDA's comment letter will be circulated to members for review and discussion at the next meeting.

PROPOSED VOWDA 2012 MEETING DATES

Presenter: Art Moye

The next meeting is scheduled for February 15, 10 a.m., location to be announced.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jerry Giles (VEDP) and Sally McNeilan (VOW) discussed the upcoming AWEA conference in Virginia Beach. Members can send any ideas for topics/presenters to Sally, who will serve as point of contact for this conference

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Eileen Levandoski announced an upcoming regional offshore wind conference to be held March 7-8, 2012, in Charlotte, North Carolina.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:12 p.m.